

formation. The State Department plans to send inquiries to the American embassy and consulate if no word comes within a reasonable time.

Even should it develop that Americans were aboard the Ancona and some of them were killed, this government could not protest to Austria, it was officially stated. It should be shown that the Ancona attempted to escape from the submarine after being warned. State Department officials emphasized this feature of the case.

Comments Guarded.

They are awaiting information especially on this point because of reports that the Ancona was shelled by the submarine, indicating that she may have been warned and tried to escape. The legal aspects were commented upon in a guarded manner. It was stated that the agreement reached with Germany was full moral, but not legal, notice to Austria regarding submarine warfare. Austria did not participate officially in any of the submarine negotiations with Germany.

While the humanitarian questions involved subordinated the technical legal aspects, State Department officials explained that there were several legal contingencies in the situation.

It is not doubted that if the sinking of the Ancona was under circumstances similar to those of the Lusitania, this government will demand a disavowal from Austria of the act of her submarine commander, reparation, and a pledge, like that exacted from Germany, regarding future operations.

A Delicate Question.

The fact that the Ancona was not carrying reservists or contraband when she was attacked, in the opinion of officials, aggravates the case. That the Austrian government was under obligation first to halt and warn the Ancona and give passengers and crew an opportunity to escape will be maintained by the administration.

Another delicate question involved is the possible dispute with Austria following so close upon the recall of Ambassador Dumbas. With the embassy post here still vacant, both nations would be somewhat handicapped in negotiations. Resentment against Dumbas' recall in Vienna, it is believed, might also add to the difficulties of securing a satisfactory settlement.

French Authorities to Help Ancona Refugees On Tunisian Coast

PARIS, Nov. 10.—Orders to the French naval authorities at Bizerta to do everything possible to help the 270 survivors of the torpedoed Italian liner Ancona were sent today.

Bizerta, where the Ancona castaways were landed, is an important French base on the Tunisian coast. No details of the disaster have yet been received from there.

Admiralty officials, inclined to suspect the Germans, said it would be natural to expect a German submarine to hoist the Austrian colors in operating against an Italian ship, inasmuch as Austria and Italy are at war and Germany and Italy are not. Dispatches from Italy also spoke of the submarine as of a "large model."

The German U-boats known to be on their way to Levantine waters are of the latest super-submarine type.

Rome dispatches specifically said the submarine which sank the Ancona flew the Austrian flag.

At the French admiralty, however, it is suggested that there have been no reports of the presence of Austrian undersea craft in the Mediterranean lately, though they probably are operating in the Adriatic, but that, on the other hand, a German U-boat fleet is known to be on its way through the Mediterranean, presumably bound for the Aegean.

Sinking of the Ancona Is Wilful Murder, Says Line's New York Agent

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—The New York office of the Italian line has no official advice regarding the sinking of the Ancona this morning.

"If the Ancona has been sunk by a submarine, it is nothing short of wilful murder," said William Hartfield, New York representative of the company, "for it is well known that the Italian liner has not been armed since the nation joined the war. Of that I am confident."

Mostly Women and Children. "While we have no passenger list, it is certain that the Ancona carried 200 or 300 passengers, mostly women and children in the steerage. That is her usual load at this time of the year."

"Undoubtedly there were some Americans aboard. She has never crossed yet, to my recollection, that there were not some Americans aboard, sometimes as many as fifty, and other times as few as five or six."

It was admitted that the Ancona carried a heavy list of Italian reservists on her last trip from New York, October 12. Information regarding her cargo was denied, but it was fairly certain she carried munitions.

"Whatever she carried over," it was said at the office, "it is certain she wasn't bringing anything back except a load of non-combatant human freight."

Other Ships In Danger. Shipping circles are awaiting further news of the sinking with the greatest anxiety because of the possibility that a new submarine zone for operations against merchant liners has been established by the Austrians.

As for approaching the waters where the Ancona was torpedoed are three big liners which recently sailed from American ports, each carrying more than 1,000 passengers. Some concern is felt for their safety.

The Caserta, of the Lloyd's Italian line, sailed from New York, November 1, for Genoa. She carries 1,200 passengers.

The Europa, of the Lavello line, sailed for Naples on October 31 with 1,125 passengers. Her course will carry her near the grave of the Ancona.

The Cretic of the White Star line, is another big vessel which may be in peril within a few hours. She sailed from Boston October 31 and was due at Gibraltar with 1,038 passengers to-day.

The Ancona probably was off Sardinia.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Fair and warmer tonight; Thursday partly cloudy and warmer; followed by rain in the afternoon or by night; light variable winds becoming southeast.

Maryland—Fair and continued cool tonight; Thursday partly cloudy and warmer; probably rain in the afternoon or by night in west portion; light variable winds, becoming southeast.

Virginia—Fair and continued cool tonight; Thursday partly cloudy and warmer; probably rain in the afternoon or by night in west portion; light variable winds becoming southeast.

TEMPERATURES.
U. S. BUREAU OF WEATHER.
5 a. m. 40 8 a. m. 45
9 a. m. 44 11 a. m. 48
10 a. m. 46 10 p. m. 52

TIDE TABLE.
High tide 1:00 a. m. and 10:32 p. m.
Low tide 4:26 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

SUN TABLE.
Sun rose 6:26 Sun sets 4:53
Light automobile lamps at 5:28 p. m.

Two Submarines and Three Steamers Sunk

MADRID, Nov. 10.—British cruisers sank two German submarines off Gibraltar today, reports received here declare.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—The British steamship Clan McAllister, 4,835 tons, was sunk today by a German submarine. The Clan McAllister was owned by Cayzer, Irving & Co., of Glasgow.

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when she was torpedoed, Hartfield said. He estimated her position from reports that she was eight or nine hours out of Naples at the time of attack.

Before offices of the Italian line were opened this morning a crowd had begun to gather outside. They were friends and relatives of passengers on the Ancona, eager for some word as to their fate.

The Ancona was of 8,210 tons. She was a twin-screw steamer, with two decks and a spar deck and fitted with wireless.

She was owned by the Italian line (Societa di Navigazione a Vapore) and registered at Genoa. She was built in Belfast in 1908.

Bizerta French Station. Bizerta, where the Ancona's survivors were landed, is a French naval station on the north coast of Africa, about thirty-five miles northwest of Tunis.

Since the beginning of October captains and officers of incoming steamers have reported sighting submarines in the Mediterranean and usually off the African coast.

They said that the German and Austrian submarines kept over to the African coast, to be out of the way of the British and French torpedo boats, destroyers and cruisers patrolling from Gibraltar to the Dardanelles to guard the transports.

Rome Doubts U-Boat Warned Its Victim Before Sinking Her

ROME, Nov. 10.—The fate of 312 passengers and seamen unaccounted for among those on the Italian line steamship Ancona, sunk by a submarine flying the Austrian flag late Tuesday, is still uncertain here today.

It has not yet been possible to learn whether there were Americans among the 270 survivors landed at the French naval station of Bizerta, on the African coast.

The figures are approximate, but are believed to be nearly correct. That the passengers numbered 422 is known definitely from the Italian line's records in Naples. The crew's full complement is 100, but whether it included exactly that number of men when the Ancona left on its voyage is not certain.

From the fact that first reports of the disaster said many of those landed at Bizerta are wounded, it is believed that there can have been very little if any warning given by the submarine.

There might have been drownings while the crew and passengers were getting into the boats or by loss of the boats themselves after the Ancona had been torpedoed, it is pointed out, but it was only by a torpedo that the wounds could have been inflicted, naval experts declare. This is taken as meaning that the missile was fired while crew and passengers were still on board.

No account has yet stated precisely where the attack on the Ancona occurred. From the fact that the survivors were landed at Bizerta, however, it is inferred that it must have been in the vicinity of the Tunisian coast, Bizerta being only thirty-eight miles northwest of the city of Tunis.

This, too, would be a fair conclusion in view of the sailing date of the liner, which left Naples for New York Tuesday.

It carried a large general cargo, but, being west bound, no arms or munitions, company officials report.

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Veterinary Association Will Meet Next Friday

Arrangements have been completed by the Washington Veterinary Medical Association for a meeting Friday evening at the College building, 222 C street, when L. B. Cook will deliver an address on "Dairy Inspection."

The address is to be for the benefit of the alumni of the college and the members of the association generally.

Asquith Asks Parliament For \$2,000,000,000 Credit

LONDON, Nov. 10.—Prompt passage is expected of the £40,000,000 pounds sterling (about \$2,000,000,000) credit which Premier Asquith will ask parliament to approve this afternoon. This will bring total war credits thus far up to £1,400,000,000 pounds sterling (about \$7,000,000,000).

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William Bruce King acting chairman of the military committee of the board of trustees, for examination and appointment as captain of the company.

More than forty students and graduates of the university already have enlisted, and another recruiting meeting will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at the L street armory. It is expected the sixty-five men required for the installation of the company will be obtained within a few weeks.

The term of enlistment is three years but if persons who enlist move from the District an honorable discharge is granted. Drills are to be held once a week during the winter season—on Wednesday nights.

Brig. Gen. William Harvey, commander of the militia, will select suitable quarters for the company.

Prussian Casualties Now Total 2,099,454

ROTTERDAM, Nov. 10.—Ten more Prussian casualty lists have been published covering the period from October 22 to November 2, inclusive. In this period the Prussian losses amounted to 18,376, or roughly 21,000 more than in the previous ten lists published.

The Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant suggests that the increase in casualties justifies the supposition that these lists are losses suffered during the great allied offensive. The paper adds that the total Prussian losses alone now amount to 2,099,454. In addition 230 Bavarian, twenty-eight Saxon, and 54 Wurtemberg lists have been published, along with fifty-five naval lists.

The Courant further publishes a table giving the Prussian losses since the middle of July, from which it is seen that Prussia alone has in the last three and a half months lost 593,790 men from all causes.

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